



## Safer at Home Phase Three Entertainment & Public Amusement

### Use of Face Coverings

**SIXTH AMENDED NUMBER SIXTY-SEVEN (2020)  
AND  
ORDER OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY SEVEN  
PHASE THREE TIGHTENING OF CERTAIN TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS DUE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS  
(COVID-19)  
November 13, 2020**

All patrons in the Commonwealth aged 5 and over shall when entering, exiting, traveling through, and spending time inside the settings listed below cover their mouth and nose with a face covering, as described and recommended by the CDC:

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[Executive Order #67](#)

Businesses must strictly adhere to the physical distancing guidelines, enhanced cleaning and disinfection practices, and enhanced workplace safety practices provided in the “Guidelines for All Business Sectors” document. Virginia Department of Health and Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services regulated facilities must continue to follow requirements related to prohibiting sick employees in the workplace, strict handwashing practices, and procedures and practices to clean and sanitize surfaces.

Performing arts venues, concert venues, sports venues, movie theaters, museums, aquariums, fairs, carnivals, public and private social clubs, botanical gardens, entertainment centers, historic horse racing facilities, bowling alleys, skating rinks, arcades, trampoline parks, arts and craft facilities, escape rooms, amusement parks and zoos not covered in paragraph 11, and other places of indoor public amusement may open provided such businesses comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines, which are expressly incorporated by reference herein. Such guidance includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

### Mandatory Requirements

- The total number of attendees (including both participants and spectators) cannot exceed the lesser of **30%** of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy, if applicable, or **250** persons.

- All private bookings must comply with section B, paragraph 1.
- Install visible markers for queue lines that separate people by six feet of physical distance.
- Create a guest flow plan of modified queue lines into and within the facility. Determine areas likely to become bottlenecks or pinch points and adjust guest flow accordingly.
- Ten feet of physical distancing is required between parties at all establishments with physical activity, singing, or cheering; six feet of physical distancing is required in other venues.
- If interactive exhibits are in service, post signage to discourage congregating and encourage the use of hand sanitizer. Provide hand sanitizer stations around any interactive exhibits. Discontinue any interactive exhibits that pose a risk for children to place items in their mouths.
- Practice routine cleaning and disinfection of high contact areas and hard surfaces, including check out stations and payment pads, store entrance push/pull pads, door knobs/handles, dining tables/chairs, light switches, handrails, restrooms, guest lockers, floors, and equipment.
- Where possible, install plexiglass barriers in front of commonly used point-of-sale or guest service stations.
- Employees working in customer-facing areas are required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- Businesses must promote frequent and thorough hand washing, including by providing employees, customers, visitors, the general public, and other persons to the entering into place of employment with a place to wash their hands. If soap and running water are not immediately available, provide hand sanitizers.
- If any such business cannot adhere to these requirements, it must close.

### Best Practices

In addition to the requirements provided above, establishments are encouraged to utilize the following best practices to the extent they are feasible:

- Practice routine cleaning and disinfection of high contact areas and hard surfaces, including check out stations and payment pads, store entrance push/pull pads, door knobs/handles, dining tables/chairs, light switches, handrails, restrooms, guest lockers, floors, and equipment. Follow CDC Reopening Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfection and use an EPA-approved disinfectant to clean. For high contact areas (e.g., in both public and staff areas), routinely disinfect surfaces at least every 2 hours. Certain surfaces and objects in public spaces, such as point of sale keypads, should be cleaned and disinfected before each use.
- Sanitizing wipes should be made available throughout the facility for guests to use on high-touch surfaces.
- Determine appropriate guest capacity levels for each facility to ensure compliance with physical distancing requirements, taking into account facility size, layout, and operational needs.
- Employers should remain cognizant of the potential for outdoor staff to experience overheating or breathing difficulties caused by using facial coverings. When developing staff schedules, implement additional short breaks to increase the frequency with which staff can cool off indoors.

## Enforcement

Guidelines for All Business Sectors and the sector-specific guidelines appear [here](#). The Virginia Department of Health shall have authority to enforce section A of this Order. Any willful violation or refusal, failure, or neglect to comply with this Order, issued pursuant to § 32.1-13 of the *Code of Virginia*, is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. The State Health Commissioner may also seek injunctive relief in circuit court for violation of this Order, pursuant to § 32.1-27 of the *Code of Virginia*. In addition, any agency with regulatory authority over a business listed in section A may enforce this Order as to that business to the extent permitted by law.